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GOV. SUSANA MARTINEZ SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER DIRECTING POLICE TO ASK ABOUT IMMIGRATION STATUS

LUIS MEGID - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez signed an executive order on Monday that requires police to ask people they've arrested for their immigration status. The executive order rescinds a policy that prohibited police from asking about an individual's immigration status that was established by former-Governor Bill Richardson. Gov. Martinez's executive order prohibits police from inquiring about an individual's immigration status if they are a victim of a crime, but puts an end to what she called "sanctuary policies" that were encouraged by former-Governor Richardson. New Mexico is one of three states that still issues driver's licenses to illegal aliens, but Gov. Martinez's executive order coincides with the introduction of a bill in the state legislature that would end that practice.

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02/04/2011

NEW UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

JULIE FERRER - MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG: 2:00

The U.S. unemployment rate fell sharply to 9 percent in January from 9.4 percent in December, as more than 620,000 previously jobless people found work, the Labor Department said Friday. There was a net gain of 36,000 jobs - the lowest level in four months - but economists blamed bad weather for the weak number. Given that "886,000 workers could not show up for work the week the survey was taken because of inclement weather means we had an undercount pretty severely," said Diane Swonk, chief economist with Chicago-based Mesirow Financial. "At least a portion of those...had new jobs." She pointed to gains in the number of self-employed, which rose by 165,000 to 9.7 million, the highest total since last May, as positive news. The Labor Department data includes separate surveys of households and businesses. The construction industry lost

32,000 jobs, and in the transportation and warehousing industry, courier and messenger jobs dropped by 45,000 over the month. Manufacturing added 49,000 jobs, and retail trade jobs grew by 28,000. "Hiring was suppressed last month and will likely rebound in February," said Neil Dutta, an economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

NINTH CIRCUIT RULES IN FAVOR OF INMIGRANTS

JAIME GARCIA - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG: 2:00

Today, MALDEF welcomed the Ninth Circuit's ruling in *Vicente v. Barnett*, upholding an Arizona jury verdict against a vigilante rancher operating along the Arizona-Mexico border. The Ninth Circuit affirmed the jury's decision that the vigilante was liable for assaulting a group of immigrants he found on public land. As a result of today's ruling, the rancher will be forced to pay approximately \$87,000 in damages. The Ninth Circuit ruled that the rancher, Roger Barnett, was not entitled to claim self defense, because he admitted that none of the migrants he assaulted had threatened or attacked him. The Ninth Circuit also upheld the jury's award of punitive damages against Barnett. "We are very pleased with the Ninth Circuit's verdict. Today's ruling sends the strong message that vigilantes will not be tolerated in Arizona" stated David Hinojosa, MALDEF's Southwest Regional Counsel and attorney in the case.

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02/07/2011

BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP BILL

LUIS MEGID- SANTA FE, NUEVO MEXICO

PKG 2:00

Senate Bill 1309, commonly known as the birthright citizenship bill, gets its first hearing before the Arizona State Legislature on Monday. Gould says he sponsored the bill to stop the flow of illegal immigrants who come to the United States and give birth. Under the 14th Amendment, that child automatically receives citizenship. Senator Gould says he hopes to make it law that in order to gain citizenship, one of the child's parents must be a citizen themselves or have permanent status as a legal U.S. resident.

SENATORS LOOK FOR IMMIGRATION DEAL

JAIME GARCIA- LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:35

Sens. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) have rekindled their alliance on immigration reform, taking some early steps to test the political will for addressing the contentious issue this year. Their call list hasn't focused so much on House and Senate members who've been reliable pro-immigration votes in the past. Instead, they're looking to a strange-bedfellows mix of conservative and liberal constituencies that can provide a "safety net" of support, as Graham put it, once the issue heats up. For all the groups getting a call from the pair, it is the presence of Graham himself who elevates the odds - however bleak - that the Senate could move on a comprehensive, bipartisan overhaul bill. Graham abruptly departed the talks last spring and took with him any hope of getting a bill in the past Congress.

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2/08/11

CHIPOTLE IMMIGRATION INSPECTION

VO :20

Chipotle Mexican Grill has a lot going for it -- an upscale burrito concept, a hip and eco-friendly image, expansion plans galore and a 500 percent-plus stock price gain in just over two years. And then it has something not going its way -- a federal crackdown on its immigrant labor force that has so far forced Chipotle to fire hundreds of allegedly illegal workers in the state of Minnesota, perhaps more than half its staff there. The probe is widening. Co-Chief Executive Monty Moran told Reuters Friday that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has also issued "notices of inspection" for restaurants in Washington D.C. and Virginia. Investors in the Wall Street darling are taking note and one firm, Calvert Investments, plans to talk to Chipotle about the large number of undocumented workers uncovered.

TOYOTA REPORT ON ACCELERATION

JULIE FERRER- MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:00

Electronic glitches apparently didn't cause the much-publicized sudden acceleration problems in Toyota vehicles. That's the headline from a 10-month government investigation into what made the Japanese automaker's vehicles speed out of control. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration was in charge of the investigation launched last spring.

NASA scientists and engineers were called in to help with the probe. The sudden acceleration complaints led to Toyota recalling nearly eight million vehicles for defects related to gas pedals-- including sticky pedals and floor mat obstruction.

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2/09/11

USA FED BERNANKE

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Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke Wednesday suggested U.S. economic conditions are still too weak for the central bank to pull back on its vast monetary stimulus, despite a welcome drop in the jobless rate. The Fed chief, testifying to the House Budget Committee, also warned about the dangers of record U.S. budget deficits. But he indicated sharp spending cuts in the short term could cripple the recovery. Acknowledging a recent pick-up in the economy, Bernanke said a drop in the jobless rate to 9 percent in January from 9.8 percent in November, the biggest two-month decline since 1958, was "grounds for optimism."

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IMMIGRATION BUST FL

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Federal agents and other law enforcement agencies investigate possible illegal immigrants working medical city construction jobs. nine illegal immigrants have been taken into custody in orlando's multi-million dollar medical city construction project. A half dozen undocumented workers were found trying to hide in the ceilings. Workers showed up ready for work again today. Just hours after federal investigators wrapped up a late night search for suspects

"LET'S GO"

MICHELLE OBAMA INTERVIEW. MARIA ELENA SALINAS

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First Lady *Michelle Obama* introduces a new nationwide *campaign* to combat childhood. She talk to Maria Elena Salinas in the White House

about her campaign. Tomorrow, we will have the full interview with the first lady.

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2/11/11

SMOKING IN HOSPITALS

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Smokers now face another risk from their habit: it could cost them a shot at a job. More hospitals and medical businesses in many states are adopting strict policies that make smoking a reason to turn away job applicants, saying they want to increase worker productivity, reduce health care costs and encourage healthier living. The policies reflect a frustration that softer efforts - like banning smoking on company grounds, offering cessation programs and increasing health care premiums for smokers - have not been powerful-enough incentives to quit. The new rules essentially treat cigarettes like an illegal narcotic. Applications now explicitly warn of "tobacco-free hiring," job seekers must submit to urine tests for nicotine and new employees caught smoking face termination. This shift - from smoke-free to smoker-free workplaces - has prompted sharp debate, even among anti-tobacco groups, over whether the policies establish a troubling precedent of employers intruding into private lives to ban a habit that is legal.

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ORRIN HATCH IMMIGRATION PROPOSAL

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Senator Orrin Hatch came to The Heritage Foundation on Friday to present his forthcoming immigration bill-"The Strengthening our Commitment to Legal Immigration and America's Security Act." His remarks, and the content of his bill, are a step in the right direction on immigration and border security-given that President Obama used his State of the Union address to make another case for amnesty. The bill was written in collaboration with members of Congress from states along the southwestern border. As Hatch said, it's important to work with those who, "of all people, know what

resources we need to deploy to accomplish the job." It is founded upon the conviction that federal immigration law needs to be enforced, not ignored

FEDERAL BUDGET

VO :24

President Barack Obama's fiscal 2012 budget proposal aims to reduce the deficit by \$1.1 trillion over 10 years while investing in programs that help boost the U.S. economy and make it more competitive. Below are key proposals from Obama's budget: - The budget will reduce the deficit by \$1.1 trillion over 10 years, using spending cuts to achieve 2/3 of that goal. That figure excludes savings from ending the war in Iraq and does not include potential savings if Bush-era tax cuts for high-income Americans are not extended again. Obama agreed with Republicans to extend those cuts for two years through 2012 but does not want to extend them further. Republicans do.

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OBAMA BUDGET

VO :23

President Barack Obama said Tuesday a budget showdown that could lead to a government shutdown can be avoided if both sides agree to make budget cuts only if they do not endanger the U.S. economic recovery. Obama said at a news conference he would not support "symbolic cuts" that would endanger the U.S. economy.

PATRIOT ACT EXTENSION

VO :19

Using a procedure allowing a simple majority to approve the bill, the House of Representatives on Feb. 14 passed a 10-month extension of three controversial provisions of the Patriot Act, enacted in the wake of the 9/11 attacks to ease restrictions on the monitoring of terrorism suspects (NYT, WSJ, LAT, Reuters). The vote, which looked much the same as one last week that fell seven shy of approval, will allow the FBI to seize "any tangible thing" deemed relevant to terrorism investigations, conduct "roving wiretaps" on multiple telephones, and investigate non-American "lone wolf" terrorism suspects not tied to any specific organization.

The Senate will vote on the provisions before February 28, when the current authorization is set to expire. However, their passage faces a tougher route in the Senate, where Judiciary Committee chairman Patrick Leahy (D-VT) has expressed his desire for more oversight and tighter restrictions on surveillance if the provisions are extended (AFP, AP).

CITY OF BELL LATEST: IMMUNITY

VO :23

A ranking Bell administrator who earned more than \$400,000 for watching over the city's finances has been offered limited immunity in exchange for her testimony in a corruption case accusing city leaders of looting the city's treasury, defense lawyers said. Lourdes Garcia, Bell's director of administrative services, took the stand Monday afternoon, the third witness in a corruption case that accuses six current or former City Council members of misappropriation of public funds. Prosecutors are in the midst of a preliminary hearing to determine if there's enough evidence to order the six to stand trial. The part-time council members are accused of earning nearly \$100,000 a year by drawing pay for serving on boards and committees that rarely met or met for only a few minutes at a time. In addition, former City Administrator Robert Rizzo and his former assistant, Angela Spaccia, are accused of misappropriating public money.

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